

MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND LIGHT INDUSTRY
Government of Mongolia

Virtual Cooperatives of Pastoral Livestock Communities, P174733

**ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL
COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

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1. MOFALI will implement the Virtual Cooperatives of Pastoral Livestock Communities Project (the **Project**). The Japan Social Development Fund has agreed to provide financing for the Project as RETF to be administered by WBG.
2. MOFALI will implement material measures and actions so that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (**ESSs**). This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (**ESCP**) sets out material measures and actions, any specific documents or plans, as well as the timing for each of these.
3. MOFALI will also comply with the provisions of any other E&S documents required under the ESF and referred to in this ESCP, such as Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP), Resettlement Action Plans (RAP), Ethnic Minority Development Plans (EMDPs), and Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEP), and the timelines specified in those E&S documents.
4. MOFALI is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP.
5. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Bank by MOFALI as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the Bank will monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.
6. As agreed by the Bank and MOFALI, this ESCP may be revised from time to time during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to assessment of Project performance conducted under the ESCP itself. In such circumstances, MOFALI will agree to the changes with the Bank and will update the ESCP to reflect such changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP will be documented through the exchange of letters signed between the Bank and the MOFALI. The MOFALI will promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
7. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances, or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during Project implementation, the MOFALI shall provide additional funds, if needed, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts, which may include risks and impacts that are relevant to the Project, such as environmental, health, and safety impacts during small-scale civil works and operation of livestock and cashmere wool production facilities.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTING</p> <p>Prepare and submit to the Bank regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance of the Project, including but not limited to the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of E&S documents required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, functioning of the grievance mechanism(s).</p>	Semi-annually throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>Promptly notify the Bank of any incident or accident related to the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers. Provide sufficient detail regarding the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken or that are planned to be taken to address it, and any information provided by any contractor and supervising entity, as appropriate. Subsequently, as per the Bank's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p>Notify the Bank within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident.</p> <p>Provide a subsequent report within a timeframe acceptable to the Bank as requested.</p>	MOFALI/PIU
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p> <p>MOFALI shall maintain a Project Management Unit in association with LCP Project Implementation Unit (PIU) with qualified staff and resources to support management of environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project, including an environmental and social specialist.</p>	Organization structure and qualified staff maintained throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
1.2	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Update, adopt, and implement, the Environmental and Social Management Framework that has been prepared for the Project, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
1.3	<p>MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS</p> <p>Screen any proposed subproject in accordance with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) prepared for the Project, and, thereafter, draft, adopt, and implement the subproject Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), as required, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</p>	<p>A draft ESMF has been prepared before Project appraisal.</p> <p>ESMF should apply throughout Project implementation, and Environmental and Social (E&S) risk screening forms should be sent to the Bank for records and spot-check.</p> <p>ESMPs should be submitted for the Bank approval before launching the bidding process for the respective subproject. Once approved, the ESMPs are carried out throughout Project implementation.</p>	MOFALI/PIU
1.4	<p>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</p> <p>Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP, including the relevant E&S documents and/or plans, and the Labor Management Procedures, into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents with contractors. Thereafter ensure that the contractors comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p>	<p>Prior to the preparation of procurement documents.</p> <p>Supervise contractors throughout Project implementation.</p>	MOFALI/PIU
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</p> <p>Update, adopt, and implement the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) that have been developed for the Project, to guide management of direct or contracted project workers, and potential locally sourced construction workers.</p>	<p>A draft LMP has been prepared before Project appraisal.</p> <p>The LMP should be in place before engaging project workers in Project activities and thereafter implemented throughout Project implementation.</p>	MOFALI/PIU

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2.2	<p>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</p> <p>Establish, maintain, and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers, as described in the LMP and consistent with ESS2.</p> <p>GRM should be established locally for management of grievances from construction workers.</p>	Grievance mechanism will be operational prior engaging Project workers and will be maintained throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
2.3	<p>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) MEASURES</p> <p>Implement adequate occupational health and safety measures in line with the ESMF, the applicable requirements of ESS2, the ESHGs and other relevant GIIP.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	<p>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Adopt the environmental screening process as set out in the ESMF to identify the key ESS3 related issues associated with civil works and operation of livestock and cashmere wool production facilities.</p> <p>Implement the Environmental Code of Practice (ECOP) for small civil works and measures for resource efficiency and pollution management as set out in the ESMF.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	<p>TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY</p> <p>Adopt and implement measures and actions to assess and manage traffic and road safety risks as required in the ESMF.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU

4.2	COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY Adopt and implement measures and action as set out in the ESMF to assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from Project activities, including measures to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases such as COVID19.	Throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
5.1	Not relevant.		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
6.1	BIODIVERSITY RISKS AND IMPACTS Exclude activities that may cause adverse impacts on critical habitats or natural habitats as ineligible for financing under the Project. Develop, adopt and implement necessary mitigation measures as part of subproject E&S Impact Assessment (ESIA) against any negative impacts on biodiversity, consistent with the latest national regulations and ESS6.	Mitigation measures should be prepared prior to the implementation of subprojects involving biodiversity issues, and be undertaken throughout subproject implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
6.2	SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES Adopt and implement measures as set out in the ESMF to improve animal welfare and sustainability in the livestock sector, consistent with national regulations and GIIP, including the applicable ESHGs of the World Bank Group and IFC's Good Practice Note on Improving Animal Welfare in Livestock Operations.	Throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
7.1	Develop project SEP that outlines engagement and information disclosure activities to ethnic minorities in project region if there is any.	A draft SEP has been prepared before appraisal. The SEP should be implemented throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
8.1	CHANCE FINDS: Prepare, adopt, and implement the chance finds procedure described in the ESMF developed for the Project.	Throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
9.1	Not relevant.		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			

10.1	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION Adopt and implement Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) and update it as necessary.	A draft SEP has been prepared before appraisal. The SEP should be implemented throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
10.2	PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM Prepare, adopt, maintain and operate a grievance mechanism for the project, as described in the SEP.	The grievance mechanism should be prepared by Project appraisal and be operational throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
CS1	Training to MOFALI, PIU and other entities participating in the project implementation on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF); • Environmental and social management procedure per ESMF (throughout subproject screening, preparation, approval and implementation); • Resource efficiency and pollution management during construction work and the operation of livestock production and cashmere wool production facilities; • Animal welfare and sustainability in livestock sector; • Stakeholder mapping and engagement per SEP; • Labor management procedures. 	Throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU
CS2	Training to all personnel involved in the implementation of Project activities on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO's guidelines on COVID-19 infection prevention and control; • Risk communication and community engagement. 	Throughout Project implementation.	MOFALI/PIU